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2005-2007 Water Quality Sampling Schedules

Dear Public Water Supplier:

Attached please find your 2005-2007 Water Quality Sampling Schedule. The schedule is effective immediately. Please carefully review this document and contact your regional DEP office if you have any questions or wish to make changes or corrections.

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DEP Southeast Regional Office: Terry Martin (508) 946-2765

These schedules reflect updates and clarifications to the monitoring requirements. Including:

- Asbestos monitoring in the distribution system is required by Community and Non-transient Non-community systems that have asbestos-cement or asbestos-cement vinyl-lined pipe. See <http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/dws/asbestos.htm> for more information.
- Community and Non-transient Non-community systems that monitor Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) during the "month of warmest water temperature" must take these samples in August. The schedule will show "AUG" to indicate this requirement.
- The required number of total coliform samples is based on population. When this changes, systems must contact the DEP regional office to update their monitoring plans.
- The Department is clarifying that a monitoring waiver for Inorganic Contaminants does not include sodium.
- The 10 ppb arsenic MCL becomes effective January 23, 2006. Systems that had previously been granted monitoring waivers for Inorganic Contaminants may need to resume arsenic testing to verify that they meet this lower MCL.

The Drinking Water Program is developing additional guidance to help systems understand and use their sample schedules. This guidance will be posted on the DWP web page:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/brp/dws/dwshome.htm>.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

DEP on the World Wide Web: <http://www.mass.gov/dep>



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If you have general questions about the sample schedule please contact Mark Bolivar at (617) 292-5527 or mark.bolivar@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: 2005-2007 Sample Schedule
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